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SUBJ: AFTERMATH OF FAYYADIYEH INCIDENT - BOUTROS VISIT TO
DAMASCUS

1. DURING OUR MARCH 3 CONVERSATION FONMIN BOUTROS GAVE ME BRIEF
RUNDOWN ON STATUS OF PLAY RE FAYYADIYAH INCIDENT. HE HAD
BARGAINED VERY HARD WITH SYRIANS, WHO HAD WANTED NUMBER OF
LEBANESE OFFICERS ARRESTED AND TRIED. AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION,
THEY HAD RELUCTANTLY SETTLED FOR THREE (HE DID NOT GIVE THEIR
NAMES).

2. NO SYRIANS WERE TO BE TRIED BECAUSE IT HAD BEEN AGREED
TO CONFINE INVESTIGATION AND TRIAL TO FEB 7 INCIDENTS, WHERE
INITIATIVE WAS PRIMARILY LEBANESE. TO THOSE WHO HAD WANTED TO
HAVE SYRIAN OFFICERS TRIED AS WELL, SYRIANS HAD REPLIED THAT
OVER THIRTY OF THEIR MEN HAD BEEN KILLED BY LEBANESE MILITIA ON
FEB 8 AND THAT IF SYRIAN OFFICERS WERE TO BE TRIED FOR THEIR
ACTIONS ON THAT DAY AND AFTERWARDS, THERE WAS A MUCH LONGER LIST
OF LEBANESE WHOM THE SYRIANS WOULD WANT TO BRING TO TRIAL.

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3. BOUTROS SAID THE KATAEB WERE NOT COOPERATING WITH THE
AUTHORITIES REGARDING THE PERPETRATORS OF THE FURN ASH-SHABBAK
MURDERS, PIERRE GEMAYEL'S ASSURANCES TO ME TO THE CONTRARY
NOTWITHSTANDING. HE INDICATED THAT THE AFTERMATH OF THESE
INCIDENTS WAS FAR FROM OVER AND THAT IT WOULD BE SOME TIME
BEFORE SYRIAN ANGER WOULD BE ASSUAGED.
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